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MENORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

The Overseas Press Club of America (Mrs. Connett) is pressing for a decision by Mr. Dulles as to whether he will be the speaker at their April 19 Awards Dinner in the main ballroom, Waldoff-Astoria Hotel, New York. Mrs. Connett has a private telephone at the Press Club for the dinner, ORegon 9-4775.

There will be seven categories of awards that night: The best consistent reporting on foreign affairs for Press, Radio, and Television; the best Press, Radio, and Photographic interpretations of foreign news; the best consistent reporting of domestic or U.N. news which has an effect on foreign affairs, and the George Polk Memorial Award for courage in foreign reporting.

It is expected that 1200 people will attend.

The Club is operating on a shoestring, and through Ed Murrow is trying to get free television and radio coverage of the affair, but so far has no definite commitment from any of the networks.

COLLIER'S is preparing the program for the Club.

The president of the organization is Bob Considine. Fleur Cowler is on the Board of Governors, and is also chairman of the speaker's committee. She is assisted by Catherine Cravens, who is doing the active work, and who may phone Mr. Dulles's office today to see if he has acted on their request.

Mrs. Connett said that Judge Allman saw Mr. Dulles last night in New York at the Riverside Church and it was Judge Allmen's belief that Mr. Dulles would come if he were in the United States on April 19.

Mrs. Connett continually referred in her conversation to Mr. "Cowles", meaning Mr. Dulles. Maybe I should report this to Mike Cowles and Mrs. Allen Welsh Dulles!

NEW SUBJECT:

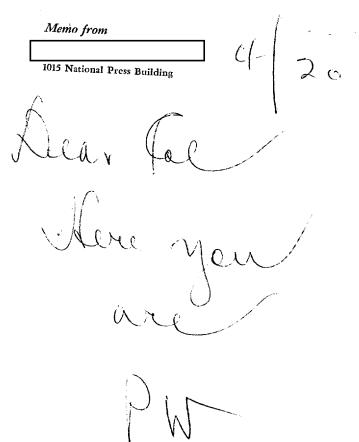
Tom Burke, one-time State Department official, who knows Mr. Dulles, called because he is now in real estate activities and wanted a list of the sites CIA is considering for a headquarters building. I have known Burke for many years, particularly as a friend of and each time I saw him, I believe, I told him we had not given the press any information on the subject and that the stories on Langley and other sites came from sources outside of CIA; that we are working closely with GSA, where he said he had been today, and other interested government agencies. I told him of course we could not furnish a list of sites being considered because immediately the real estate walues would jump (we would be getting into the Walter Winchell tipster class). He said he knew Mr. Dulles well from the old State Department days -- he left the State Department in 1945. I told him if he would send a letter addressed to the Director, making any offer he had to make regarding real estate, it would go to the proper staff section for handling.

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Members of Overseas Writers in attendance at luncheon April:17, 1956

Elie Abel Martin Agronsky

Irving Brant
R. P. Brandt
Jack Feal
Robert Bird

Wallace Carroll
Blake Clark
Fred Collins

John J. Daly
Spencer Davis
Roscoe Drummond
George Durno

Peter Edson Walter Edwards

Nat S. Finney Charles Foltz Mark Foote Boyd France

Gerald Griffin
Jay G. Hayden
Martin Hayden
Jerry Hannifin
Joseph C. Harsch
Richard Harkness
John Hightower
John W. Jarrell

Fred Kelly
Frank Kent
Carroll Kilpatrick
Frederick Kuh

Will Lang
Peter Lisagor
George Long
Dav id Lawrence

John Metcalfe W. Robert Moore Felix Morley Warren Mullin Edgar Morgan New York Times American Broadcasting Co.

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St. Louis Post Dispatch
Time
N. Y. Herald Tribune

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Baltimore Sun
Washington Post & Times Herald
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Thomas R. Phillips Frederick C. Painton Drew Pearson Edgar A. Poe

James E. Roper Walter Ridder Chalmers Roberts Richard Rendell

William Stringer Neal Stanford Richard Strout Eric Sevareid Franc Shor Arthur Sylvester Dana Schmidt Paul Shinkhan

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